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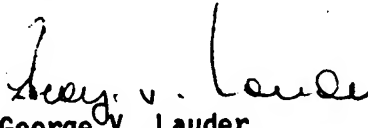
Dear Mr. Geimer:

I am responding for Director Casey to your letter of 12 February concerning the need for funds to purchase the Russian edition of Arkady Shevchenko's book for distribution through USIA and other outlets.

While the Director (and indeed all of us) believe your idea has undeniable merit and warrants support, alas it would not be appropriate for him in his role as Director of the Agency and Intelligence Community to solicit or sponsor financial assistance for private organizations.

We hope that with your wide contacts you will be able to find some individual or group to take on this project.

Sincerely,


George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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February 12, 1986

Mr. William J. Casey
 Director
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Dear Bill:

The other day I met with Marvin Stone of the USIA to follow up on my letter to Charlie Wick concerning the dissemination of the Russian-language edition of Arkady Shevchenko's Breaking With Moscow. A copy of Charlie's reply is enclosed.

The picture which emerged from the meeting is as follows: The USIA would very much like to distribute the book to all of their facilities around the world. They agree that Soviet bloc diplomats obtain, surreptitiously, reading material from USIA facilities, and that it would be felicitous if those folks could have access to Breaking With Moscow in the Russian language.

There are presently 2000 copies of the Russian language edition available for purchase at a cost of about \$30,000. USIA believes that, coincidentally, this is exactly the number of books which they would like to have. However there are obstacles. It is unclear how much money will be available for this purpose in the USIA budget. It is also unclear how many of the USIA posts will elect to spend their book money for Breaking With Moscow.

These problems would be solved if a private party were to buy the books from the publisher and donate them to USIA. Since nobody would have to make a budgetary choice under these circumstances, widespread distribution of the book would be ensured.

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Do you have any thoughts on who might be willing to purchase and donate the books? If you can aim us at some of your affluent friends, I think we can make the case and get the job done. I think we can persuade a prospective donor that his \$30,000 is likely to reap enormous benefits for the United States.

Sincerely,



William W. Geimer

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Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 27, 1986, a copy of which I have enclosed for your convenience.

I share your appreciation of Arkady Shevchenko's Breaking With Moscow. The Agency has made considerable use of it. Copies of Shevchenko's book were provided to Public Affairs Officers at all USIA posts abroad as soon as it appeared last year, and it has been made available for ordering by all our overseas libraries.

I appreciate your suggestion about the use of the Russian language translation of this title. My educational and cultural affairs staff has been in contact with Ilya Levkov about possible Agency program uses of his edition. I expect certain special projects for the Levkov edition to be developed as our funding levels for this fiscal year's international book programs are clarified. For example, the Russian translation of this book might be effectively used in those developing countries where there are ever-increasing numbers of graduates of Soviet educational and vocational institutions.

We will continue to work on this and other important international book projects as our resources permit. Thank you for your interest in Agency programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charlie".

Charles Z. Wick
Director

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